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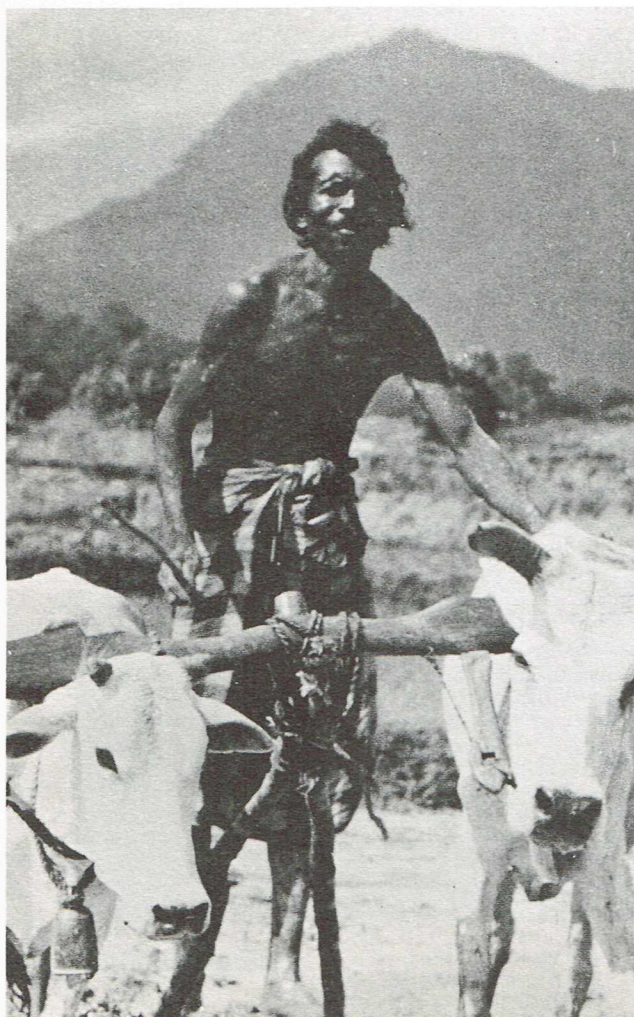
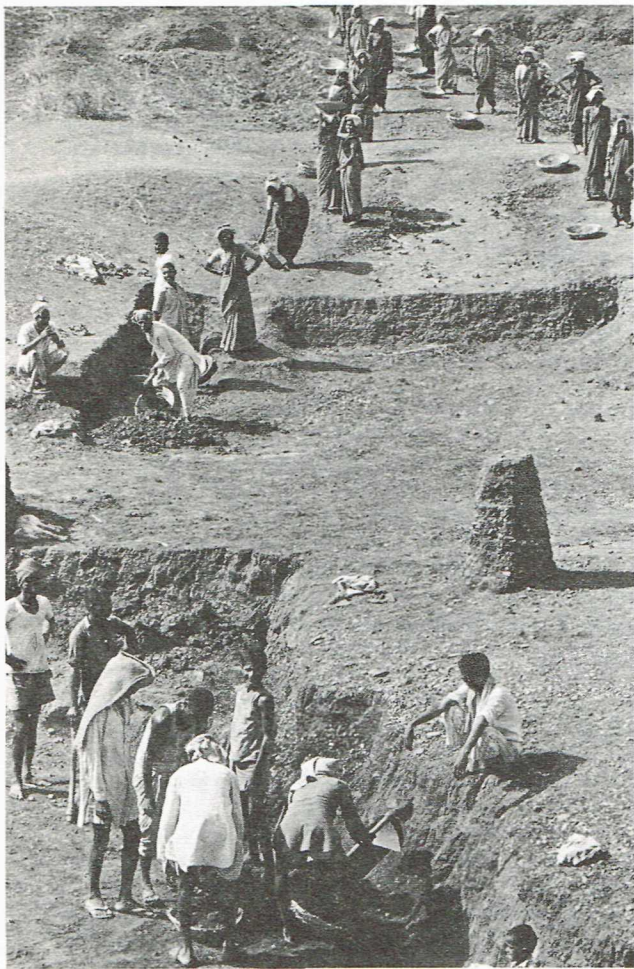
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Letters to the editor

Trueblood or Hatfield

If the readers of the *Visitor* are as interested in the significance of the concept of American Civil Religion as the three-page spread in our fifteen-page [sic] bi-monthly paper seems to indicate (Aug. 10), Senator Mark O. Hatfield's address is not the best place to look for it.

Quite understandably Senator Hatfield's views are an admixture of the posture of the politician and the contemporary Christian religionist. If the subject of his message is to be considered equally important as his identity and the occasion on which he delivered it, one should read Elton Trueblood's discussion under the same title found in his book *The Future of the Christian*, Chapter V.

Here is a more valid and inspiring account of Civil Religion in America. And I suspect this book is likely to be found in the Christian Light Book Stores.

Millard Herr

Upland, Calif.

Watergate Editorial

I have meant to write to you for some time. I am grateful to be on the mailing list for the *Evangelical Visitor* and have enjoyed a number of things that you have both written and allowed into print there.

But today I am stabbed into accomplishing this happy task of thanking you because of your editorial on

Watergate. It is brave and clear and beautiful.

I have cut the thing out and have put it in my briefcase and plan to carry it around with me for some time. I have already read it to several people who were trapped in my office today.

So, I say thanks to you for being a courageous apostle and for using your pen to speak the truth and give warning.

Bruce Larson

Columbia, Md.

Finds Visitor of Interest

For some months I have been receiving the *Evangelical Visitor*, and I want you to know how much I appreciate the thought and work you are putting into this magazine.

Even though I am not a member of the Brethren in Christ Church, I always find one or two articles of interest in each issue.

Best wishes in all your responsibilities.

Joseph Bayly

Elgin, Illinois

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CORRECTION

In the June 10 issue of the *Visitor* a brief article growing out of the life of the late Rev. W. H. Boyer, was used on the back cover. The editor attempted to add a note of interest referring to the age of Brother Boyer at the time of his death. The editor

gave the date of death as November 17, 1972. It should have been November 17, 1971, resulting in Brother Boyer's passing one month before his 100th Anniversary.

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From the Editor

Our visit to the church in Africa (Zambia and Rhodesia) and our presence at the General Conference and the 75th Anniversary is now history. It was one of those experiences one dreams of but does not expect to realize. A combination of factors enriched the trip and we thank God for these unanticipated events which added so much to our visit.

I will try to resist the temptation (hopefully successfully) to be an authority on mission work in Africa. Having spent from one to three days at each of our mission stations there is the temptation to have the answers to questions and the solutions to problems. The truth is that one neither knows the questions nor the problems.

We did learn however that our missionaries are wonderful hosts. In spite of the unbelievable demands on their time they find time to give of themselves to those who visit the field. The evenings spent in their homes and with the mission staffs, the meals with the families, and even the long rides over the rough and narrow roads provided unforgettable opportunities for fellowship.

Nor was the African church to be outdone by the hospitality of the missionary. Their generosity and sincerity was expressed upon visits in their village homes and in the hospitalities of the General Conference. Time and again our schedule needed readjustment because time fell victim to fellowship.

Let there be no doubt — though miles and climate and culture separate us — the church in Africa and the church in America are brethren in Christ.

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Editorial

The Black Horse Is on the Way

Revelation 6:5, 6

FOR MANY, the "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" fit into a prophetic time schedule. Without denying their eschatological significance, we select this graphic imagery from the Revelation to remind us all that hunger — The Black Horse — stalks the world not at some future time but in the present.

No one is starving (yet) in the areas of Zambia and Rhodesia to which our recent visit took us. But we were told that last year's crops were short and unless rains come early and in sufficient quantity there will be much hardship. Local newspapers carried accounts of overgrazing and depleted herds. The future does not look hopeful.

Our visit to Africa reminded us that most of the peoples of our world live on the border line of hunger and for many this line has been crossed. A news release from Bihar, India, which came to my desk this morning describes the need there as "extremely urgent." Recent floods in Pakistan result in crops being destroyed. How ironical that too little rain in one area or too much in another results in a shortage of grain and an increase in hunger.

The extended drought in the countries south of the Sahara has taken its toll of crops and grass until the people of the nations of Niger, Chad, Mali, Upper Volta, Mauritania, and Senegal are on the verge of mass starvation.

Now while this is taking place industrial nations are increasing their demand for and consumption of food. Surpluses once available for areas and times of need are non-existent. The news release from Bihar, earlier referred to, points out that what makes the crisis so grave is that "government just does not seem to have food available." People cannot eat money. They must have food.

Medical advances and miracle drugs have decreased the mortality rate. The population is increasing at an unprecedented pace. Even if one discounts substantially the forecasts of population prophets it appears inevitable that a world-wide crisis of hunger is at hand.

To us in United States and Canada this will initially be reflected in higher prices for food and some adjustments in our menus. In much of the world it will be reflected in hollow eyes, listless faces, swollen stomachs, retarded minds, and wasted corpses. (Perhaps this awareness should temper a bit our statements about the high cost of food.)

Christians dare not escape their responsibility in the face of a crisis of hunger by turning to an eschatological fatalism or by the overwhelming size of the task. Compassion calls upon us to do what we can. What can we do?

We can begin by bringing our own standard of living more in line with the realities of the world situation. Most of us will be tempted, and may well be able, to adjust our food budgets in order to maintain our past standard of eating. Is it not a moral issue that the problem for us in America is that of overeating while many live at a subsistence level? Perhaps it is time to make overeating a spiritual matter as well as a matter of health!

In a congregation I know it was decided to support the MCC meat canning project by giving monies saved by

means of sacrificial meals rather than using tithe monies. A week was designated for families to save out of their food budget for support of the MCC project.

The idea caught on — especially among the children. The fact of hunger was highlighted at the family level. The funds contributed were beyond expectations — many times the amount traditionally given out of congregational funds. No one suffered nor went very hungry.

This isolated incident illustrates what can be done. Now when this concern becomes more than a special effort but a pattern of life there will be those who will live instead of die. Both money and food will be saved.

Second, we need to support a Christian ministry of helping people to increase their own food supply. Is this ministry not as necessary, as consistent, and as Christian as the ministry of healing? There are those presently in training whose interest and preparation is to assist people and nations in increasing the productivity of their land in order to feed themselves. "May their tribe increase!"

Is there not something inconsistent about our ministry which emphasizes the saving of life at one stage while making no effort to sustain that life at another critical stage?

Brethren in Christ roots are in the good earth. This is said in spite of the fact that we are joining the movement from the farm to the factories and offices. What the farms were to our fathers the kitchens were to our mothers. These are twin heritages which I believe God and the church could greatly use as we see The Black Horse and rider in the distance. What men can do in increasing productivity women can support in the area of nutrition. What doctors and nurses do in combating disease a new ministry can arise in combating hunger and malnutrition.

The parable of Dives and Lazarus is familiar. Often we find the main emphasis of the parable in the irrevocable destiny of Dives rather than in what, according to Jesus, was the cause of that destiny. Selfishness and lack of compassion were the factors, according to the account, which were determinative.

This parable of Dives feasting and Lazarus hoping for the leftovers takes on frightening relevance. If compassion does not move us, how about the prospect of judgment?

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Cover photographs. Beginning upper left (clockwise): Villagers in Maharashtra State excavate reservoirs and wells as a relief cash-for-work project. The project is similar to those in many other drought stricken areas of India (MCC photo by Burton Buller). Dead cattle on the drought-stricken lands of Chad (MCC photo by Vern Preheim). The Milk Feeding Center, Mirpur Colony, Bangladesh, provides milk for malnourished children (MCC photo by Maynard Shelly.) Soma Bhogal, behind oxen, plowing his one half acre plot of land (India) (MCC photo by Neil Janzen).

America's Home Life Needs Refurbishing

Art Linkletter

MY FATHER, you know, was a Baptist minister — the kind who was interesting. He was an old-fashioned marvelous minister who scared people into heaven! After he described the sins and the flame of hell the average person was relieved to accept Christ and find some escape from the terrible things that were going to happen to them. Many times after we had been in a town some little lady would come up to him and say, "Reverend Linkletter, we didn't know what sin was until you came to our town!"

I was born in a little town called Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada. I was an orphan, and this nice middle-aged couple (the Linkletters) came through town a few months after I was born and adopted me. I spent my youth growing up as a preacher's son. During the depression I found one of the great advantages of being a member of a minister's family, because our family didn't notice the depression — except that other people were beginning to live the way we'd lived all our lives.

I have spent most of my life walking on the sunny side of the street; having fun, raising a family of five beautiful, wonderful, lovely children, traveling all over the world, with everything I touch turning to fame and fortune. And so, as you must appreciate, two years ago when death struck our family with the tragedy of our youngest daughter, I and my family were completely unprepared. We had never been really close to a serious and tragic loss — and when our 20-year-old girl lost her life because of this mindless experimentation with drugs which has afflicted our country, it was an insufferable, agonizing, unbelievable, impossible-to-understand loss. At that time we had to make up our minds, as a family, whether we would do what Hollywood stars have been trained to do — and that is to suppress, hide, push under the rug any bad, painful, unhappy news. And yet we felt that it was time someone stood up and said the tragedy of drug abuse

was on everyone's doorstep . . . that it crossed geographic, economic, religious, educational — every kind of line you can imagine.

Following our announcement, our mail was unbelievable! Hundreds of thousands of letters — *literally, hundreds of thousands* — from all over the world sympathizing, holding forth love and prayers for us. As a result I set out on this crusade which has occupied so much of my time in the last two years. I found first that being the victim of a tragedy does not make you an expert. I was ignorant of the subject. I had the same stereotyped, caricatured, mythical view of what drugs were and what they did to our children as most middle-class Americans did. I thought that we had to hire more policemen, build bigger jails, arrest the pushers and the users, crack down on our immigration authorities so that they were more particular about the kinds of drug pushers they allowed in our country, etc. I found so many other things that were different that today when I talk about drugs I do it with great understanding, sympathy and compassion for the people who use it — and even for the people who sell it! Let me tell you something about this tragic subject.

Our youngsters today are using drugs in the amounts that they are and with the reckless abandon that they are because it is the "in" thing to do. It is the fashionable way of expressing your young, daring, growing-up years. And just as most of us when we were young did something foolish, so today the kids are experimenting with chemicals. Then of course, there are a certain number of youngsters who are rebellious. They are using this as a means of expressing their disenchantment with life or the rebellion against authority. Then, of course, there are those who are curious (as all youth are) and there are those who are watching the older generation who has pretty well set up two standards of morality as far as drugs are concerned.

I want to point out that in this day and age most Americans are using some kind of drugs — "mind-bending" drugs. Most Americans are

smoking or drinking or using drugs to go to sleep, or to wake up, or be tranquilized, or to lose weight, or for any other thing that possibly can be a source of anxiety or worry. We have been brainwashed in the last 25 or 30 years by the greatest barrage of advertising that the world has ever known. Most of us believe that relief from anxiety is just a swallow away. Our medicine cabinets at home are filled with pills. Our radios, TV, magazines and newspapers are filled with ads that say, "Better Living through Chemistry." Most of us feel no compunction about taking an aspirin (many of these things are good drugs) but we take too many, too often instead of facing up to our problems, which is the real way of growing up. And so our youngsters are doing just what they've seen us do but they are doing it in excess.

Furthermore, they are following two different kinds of missionaries who are very seductive, very persuasive. These missionaries of the first type I am going to mention started in about 1960-1969 with the advent of the acid rock musicians. Now, these young musically talented people like the Beatles, Jefferson Airplane and many others, sang drug songs (among many of the kinds of songs) and the drug songs familiarized our young people, through records and radio mostly, with the words of the drug culture and with the feeling that drugs were a kind of a part of an entertainment scene. They weren't shocking! They weren't frightening! They weren't alarming! They were singing about them.

Now I don't say that anybody goes out and tries drugs because they listen to a record or listen to a song, but subliminally that song is conditioning them not to be shocked if they are offered drugs.

Secondly, these same young acid rock stars were not just singing about drugs, they were living drug lives and bragging about it! Through the young world of the growing up child went the delicious stories about how the Beatles standing outside the Queen's official chambers in Buckingham Palace in London, waiting to be given one of the highest honors the British Commonwealth of Nations could bestow upon any commercial group, went into the men's lavatory and got high on marijuana. They bragged about this and it went through all the world of the publishing newspapers and magazines, etc., and the kids chuckled with glee at the fact that the Beatles were disdaining the old Establishment by turning on, getting "high" while

This message was delivered by the well-known entertainer and author at the Valley Community Church, San Dimas, California.

they were waiting to be given this award. That's one example.

Grace Slick of the Jefferson Airplane was inadvertently invited to the White House to go to a party and tried to smuggle LSD into her purse to drop it into the punch — a huge joke to turn on everybody at the White House. It was reported in *Time* and *Life* and *Look*, AP and INS, and other wire services — and all the underground press picked it up. Don't think the kids of this country and elsewhere didn't laugh at the thought of one of their favorite singers trying to turn on the whole White House! These kinds of things were what made the idea of following in the footsteps of their idols, the singing stars, who were using it and telling everybody at rock concerts to turn on and get high. This was a very important factor.

On the other side of the spectrum, we have a man like Timothy Leary, Harvard professor, speaking as he did (sometimes in the same town I was speaking) telling everyone that LSD was the greatest chemical ever invented by God; that it gave you a religious experience; gave you an insight to yourself that nothing else could do; and that LSD should be used if you really wanted to expand your mind and live internally as you have been taught to live externally.

So, LSD was given the stamp of approval by many college professors and college students. Now this forest fire of chemical misuse, along with barbiturates, amphetamines and all the other kinds of tranquilizers that were available everywhere across the counter has combined to give us a chemical forest fire that is raging in this country today. Over 75 percent of all the young people who are growing up in this country will have tried drugs before they get out of high school or college. Thank God most of them will have tried it only as curious, daring, showing off, being part of the gang — they will have experimented with marijuana or one of the other drugs. Most of those will not go on and become regular users. Roughly, 20 percent will become what we call weekend or party recreational users. The kind who don't really need drugs. But when they are at a party and people have it, they say, "Sure we'll try it. Everybody else is trying it." Then, of that 20 percent or 25 percent, about 10 percent will become what we call "heads" or "freaks" — they really need it. They're anxious; they're defeated; they're disturbed; they're the kind of people who are losers. They are loners. They have a very low self-profile. They actually need something and they turn to drugs to give them

that something. Then, of course, there's the 1 percent or 2 percent who go on to be the real losers. They're the ones who go on to the hard drugs, mainlining them and using all of the hypodermic needles, whether it is speed or heroin or morphine or cocaine, or any of the other things.

Today I want to tell you that in spite of the fact that this vast number of young people, added to the millions of older people who are hooked on sleeping pills and pep pills and diet pills and all of those things that the doctors carelessly prescribe or the druggists carelessly sell—all of these people are in danger of permanent harm to themselves one way or the other, either mentally or spiritually — in their careers or in their families. I am not going to talk in great detail about any of the drugs because I don't feel this is the place to do that. What I want to do is to tell you what I think we must do in this country and the important ways in which we must fight this drug abuse problem.

We must stop to think *why* people are taking drugs, not what are they, or where they come from, because we will never be able to stop the supply of drugs. Today there are over 5,000 different psychoactive drugs all the way from the organic drugs grown naturally to the drugs created in laboratories. We're never going to be able to stop the supply or availability of drugs. **We have to make life more meaningful! We have to, as parents, give our children more love, and more care, and more concern and communication; and as human beings we have to fill our lives with something more important than materialistic things.**

This society today, as you all know, has become the kind of civilization where we are graded on how much money we have, now many TV sets we have, how big our homes, how many cars, whether we go to Europe — rather than whether we love, care, and communicate with each other. **I say to you that the home life of America needs to be refurbished, strengthened and brought back into its proper focus.** Today our kids are so far down the list of priorities that it is shameful and alarming.

Dr. Urie Bronfenbrenner of Cornell University says of all the Western civilizations, in the United States we give our children less of our own time, and care, and love than any other country. We give them more cars, more TV sets, cassettes, money, vacations, private schools — but *how many of us give ourselves to our children?* That is what we're coming back to. I see across this country, as a

result of this terrible drug plague, a resurgence of care — and do you know, God moves in mysterious ways? Perhaps the frightening thought of losing our children will drive us back to looking at them with a new eye; and perhaps strengthening a great many of the loosening family ties that have bound us together in the past. If you will just very briefly look down the average American family you will see: (1) Divorce splitting up people; (2) moving to new communities with new roots, new temptations. No corps of old friends and relatives surrounding them. The myth of a father who is no longer a father figure. We see instead gratification of desires. Permissiveness as has never before been the case in American history. And all these things combine to make our American families today so loose and so uncaring for each other that there is no wonder that we have alcohol, drugs, liberalized sex attitudes, run-aways, vandalism, disregard for law. All of these things (not just drug abuse) coming out of the fact that American life, and modern life everywhere, has become a pursuit of the material and a lack of the realization that human beings interacting with each other is the most important deterrent to all forms of excess living that deteriorate and destroy the soul and the body of the average human being.

I am encouraged by a number of things.

I find that there is a gigantic upsurge of religious and spiritual interest among young people of America. Now, like most young people, there are excesses. You see the Jesus freaks as they are called who run up and down the streets, almost intemperately, advertising their belief in Jesus. But I would rather see that than to have them turned on to drugs of any kind. We also see the street Christians of many, many different kinds. The point is, the young people are telling us, one way or other, that they need something inside . . . that all the exterior things are NOT enough . . . that they need something to live for, some values they can believe in, some love and caring that they have too long been denied. And if they get that, drugs aren't going to be that important. Drugs aren't going to be that much of a needed crutch. That's all they really are — a crutch to get us past defeat, anxiety, despair, loss, loneliness. In this country today we have more lonely people than we have ever had before living in the biggest crowds — lonesomeness. It is a great sickness. Drugs raise and elevate a person — they turn them on, give

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them a "high." When I talk to people, I tell them that same "high" — much better — much more constructive — and much longer lasting — can be had by spiritual help and strength. Religion has been the greatest "high" that human beings have ever had in the thousands of years that all kinds of humans have used drugs.

By the way, let me comment on just that for a second. Ever since human beings have been on the earth they have unerringly found drugs to relieve their anxiety. The natives in the high mountains of Peru gasping for breath and fatigued in the fields found the cocoa leaf which they chew with lime, and from which we get cocaine. The natives in Mexico working in the hot, fertile, tropical valleys found the mushrooms which are full of hallucinogenic materials. The cactus bud gives us the mescaline, the peyote; and then of course, the cannabis sativa plant or marijuana plant, grown all over the world. I don't have to tell you what the poppy has brought us. These kinds of things have been available for human kind for 5,000 years, and it's always been the inadequate "no-hopers," as we say in Australia, who have turned to these kinds of drugs. But today, for the first time in the history of the world, the leaders of the future are being threatened by drugs. The finest young people of this country and of the world are the ones who are turning on. And that's why I am so concerned.

I left the United Nations where I spoke before a distinguished audience and went to Appleton, Wisconsin, a little town in the middle-west where you think there would be no drug abuse at all (a kind of farm town). They're so desperate; they have so

many drug addicts there they don't know which way to turn. I spoke to 900 first graders seated on gym mats in a great big auditorium — and if you don't think that's quite a switch in both language, figure of speech and attitude — from the UN to the first graders. While the UN Secretary General paid me one of the finest compliments of my life when he told me that it was the most moving speech he had heard in his life at the UN, I got an even better compliment from a first grader who wrote me in big black letters after I spoke at Appleton. He says: "Dear Art Linkletter, you are the best speaker I have ever heard. (Period, Paragraph) You are the ONLY speaker I have ever heard." That came right from the heart.

As I go from place to place with different audiences, different age levels, different intellectual pursuits, and different motivations, I try to convey all of the various facets of this complicated, exasperating and desperate subject. But I want to tell you that it all comes down finally to one thing; that is, *What do you have inside of you?* Do you have hope? Do you have God? Then you don't need drugs; you can be turned on by an exaltation greater than any chemical that was ever invented. I tell the kids in high schools, colleges and grammar schools and their mothers and dads that the way to be turned on to life is to live a meaningful life, a life where you have faith, and where you have love running through it. If I could leave one word that would be more important than any other word with the average person in the United States that has to do with battling drugs, all of the other excesses, it's that one word, "LOVE" — care, loving each other.

I am going to conclude with a little story that I am often reminded of

because too many of us living our fast-paced lives involved with materialistic pursuits and fun and games and excitement forget that there are people right next to us who are dying inside because of lack of love. Since I am an orphan originally, this particular story has appeal for me because it is about an orphanage.

One time at the little orphanage a girl arrived who was an unattractive sort of girl. She was a "loner" as so many people are; she didn't make friends easily. She wasn't the kind of person you'd rush over and become a buddy with very rapidly. And so, shortly after she had been there the children who had made some faint overtures to her had disdained her, and the teachers didn't care for her. She was a little girl by herself. Everywhere, nobody invited her to play games and they just accepted her as part of the scenery. One day a school teacher saw her go down in the pasture behind the orphanage, and she kind of sidled down to where a big low-lying oak was with a lot of branches. She reached in her little apron and took out something. She put it in an opening in the oak tree.

The teacher thought, "Uh-huh, that miserable child has been stealing, and I am going down and find out what she has been stealing and report her."

After she had gone, the teacher went down and reached in the oak tree and brought out a crumpled piece of paper. On this paper were written these words, "To anyone who finds this, I love you." A dramatic instance of a child crying out for love and unable to express it — unable to communicate; and yet it was needed, as it is with all of us.

My message to mothers and dads and youngsters, ministers, teachers, parole officers and all is that we LOVE ONE ANOTHER as Jesus said.

Church News

MESSIAH COLLEGE

Huddle Attains Doctorate

Eugene W. Huddle, Associate Professor of Education and Co-ordinator of Secondary Teaching at Messiah College, was awarded the Ph.D. degree in counselling and teacher education, August 31, by The Ohio State University. Dr. Huddle joined the college faculty in 1972.

Faculty Holds Annual Meet

Future Shock, a best seller by Alvin Toffler, served as a discussion springboard for Messiah College faculty as they concentrated on the future at their annual retreat, August 27 and 28.

Rev. Stewart Bingman, pastor of the Shepherdstown United Methodist Church near campus, directed in the opening devotional period. Dr. Warren Martin, Provost, Sonoma State College, California, challenged the faculty to serve a fast-changing society by offering educational experience suited to modern needs and interests. This includes, he said, responding to the call for the mystical, intuitive, and spiritual modes of learning.

Faculty leadership was provided by Dr. D. Ray Hostetter, Dean Daniel R. Chamberlain, Dr. Dorothy Gish, Dr. Ronald J. Sider, Dr. D. Wayne Cassel, Mr. Robert Barr, and Mr. Luke Keefer, Jr. Mrs. Esther Snyder and Mrs. Dorothy Schrag had charge of program and hospitality, respectively.

The retreat, convened in Eisenhower Campus Center, featured a faculty tour of

campus buildings and grounds, a comment on the recent growth of campus facilities.

CONFERENCES

Allegheny

A farewell meal was held for Rev. Charles Melhorn and family on July 29 in the Spring Mills Fire Hall. Rev. Melhorn was pastor of the Colyer and Green Grove congregations. A gift of money was presented to the Melhorns during the evening service. Special music was provided and guest speaker was Mr. Earl Robb. The new pastor is Rev. Robert Shanklin.

The Marlyn Avenue congregation issued a lay ministry license to two of their
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Religious News

L. Nelson Bell Dies

"Without L. Nelson Bell, there would have been no *Christianity Today*," said Dr. Harold Lindsell, editor-publisher of the fortnightly evangelical thought magazine on learning of Dr. Bell's death Thursday, August 2.

Dr. Bell, founder, executive editor, and columnist for the magazine, died in his sleep at his Montreat, North Carolina, home three days after his 79th birthday. A member of the board of directors of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Dr. Bell was also Billy Graham's father-in-law.

In 1956, convinced that the United States needed a new magazine to present evangelical Christianity intelligently, attractively, and forcefully. Dr. Bell contacted evangelical leaders and laid the groundwork for the publication to be known as *Christianity Today*. Dr. Bell told supporters, "I have decided to go into this with everything I have and I have completed plans for closing my practice."

"Through the years, he was the pivotal force in all of its operations and evangelical Christians everywhere are indebted to him for all his labors," said Dr. Lindsell of the respected surgeon and former missionary.

For the first seven years of the journal's existence Dr. Bell acted as publisher. He wrote the immensely popular column, "A Layman and His Faith." Two collections of his columns were published in book form (*While Men Slept*, Doubleday, 1970; and *Convictions To Live By*, Eerdmans, 1966).

Dr. Bell often flew from his Montreat home to Washington to be close to the staff, attend meetings, and participate in the editorial decision-making. The visits became fewer and fewer during the past year when he served as moderator for the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern). In his last visit to the magazine's editorial offices in June of this year, he told the staff that he praised God for sustaining him while moderator despite increasing physical deterioration.

Parents Arrested in Faith Healing Death of Son

Involuntary manslaughter charges were filed August 29 against the parents of a diabetic boy who threw away their son's life-giving insulin tablets then waited for a faith healer's "cure" that never materialized.

Lawrence Parker, 34, and his wife, Alice, 29, were taken into custody at their Barstow home by a police detail headed by Asst. Chief Edward Burke. The officer reported that the Parkers offered no resistance and asked few questions about the charges against them.

The charges were brought against the parents, according to San Bernardino

County District Attorney Lowell Lathrop, "as a result of their failure to fulfill their parental duty to their child."

Dr. Wilkerson of Melodyland Upholds Christian Healing

A strong statement in reference to "miraculous Christian healing" was issued by Dr. Ralph Wilkerson, pastor of Melodyland Christian Center, southern California's largest charismatic church which endorses Christian healing.

Dr. Wilkerson believes some clarifications on the issue are required following the death of 11-year old Wesley Parker, a diabetic from Barstow (Ca.) who died when his parents allegedly withheld his insulin because they believed he had been healed during a church "healing service."

"The parents were sincere, but sincerely wrong and made three tragic mistakes," said Dr. Wilkerson.

"The first error which the boy's parents made was attributing their son's condition to demon possession and withholding insulin because of it," commented Dr. Wilkerson.

"According to the Bible, Christians cannot be demon possessed, but can come under demonic attack.

"Secondly it was wrong to tell the child to discontinue taking his medicine," Dr. Wilkerson pointed out. "Discontinuance of the boy's medicine is a decision that only a medical doctor should make and evangelists who conduct healing ministries have an obligation to give their congregation this instruction."

At Melodyland, people who believe they have been healed by God are informed to see their doctor for a medical verification and to have a complete physical examination twice a year. "I don't know any evangelists who teach against medical doctors, but some neglect to give proper instruction that medical confirmation works hand in hand with Christian healing," Dr. Wilkerson explained.

"The third mistake was their idea that no matter what happened, God would resurrect their son if they persisted in prayer," said Dr. Wilkerson. "However there is no Scripture in the Bible which promises or commands us to raise the dead."

NSSA Pres., Exec. Sec'y. Named

Donald C. Brandenburg, a Christian education specialist, has been named executive director of the National Sunday School Association, since 1945 the united voice of evangelical Christian education in America.

Joining Mr. Brandenburg in his new position is W. C. Frykman, newly-elected president of NSSA's board of directors. Mr. Frykman is president of Scripture Press Ministries and Scripture Press Publications.

NSSA's first major undertaking this year is a leadership seminar on "The Church Serving Family Needs," scheduled for October 1-3 at the St. Paul (Minn.) Hilton Hotel.

In addition to such national professional conferences, NSSA also helps local and

regional Sunday school associations plan and conduct their Christian education conferences and conventions. Through its related commissions and affiliated professional organizations NSSA encourages coordination and communication between the many thousands of Christian education leaders across the nation.

Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in U.S. Is Nearly 5 Billion Gallons

Alcoholic beverage consumption increased in the U.S. by 257 million gallons from 1971 to 1972, the president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union reported in St. Paul, Minn.

Addressing a pre-convention session of the organization's 125-member executive board, Mrs. Fred J. Tooze cited a report of the U.S. Treasury Department that total consumption of alcoholic beverages in the U.S. was 4,736,000,000 gallons last year, compared with 4,479,000,000 in 1971.

From 1949 to 1966—a 17-year-period—the average yearly increase was 43.4 million gallons, Mrs. Tooze said. Between 1966 and 1971, the average increase was 163 million, she added.

"Yet in one year, between 1971 and 1972 the consumption of liquor, wine and beer jumped a formidable 257 million gallons," Mrs. Tooze commented. "Suddenly the American public is faced with a serious health, life, and economy problem the cost for the solution of which staggers the imagination."

Satellite Pictures Indicate Water Sources in Drought Areas

A spokesman for Christian Aid, the relief services arm of the British Council of Churches, said in London that pictures taken on a U.S. satellite indicate possible underground water tables in drought areas of western India. The Rev. Alan Booth, director of the relief agency, said his organization had obtained the pictures from U.S. authorities during the recent drought crisis which afflicted six states across central India.

Jehovah's Witnesses Told To Stop Smoking or Get Out

The 11-member governing body of Jehovah's Witnesses has announced that people who smoke will no longer be accepted as members of the group's congregations.

Smokers who are already members are being given six months to give up the practice or be "removed from the congregation."

A spokesman at the Jehovah's Witnesses headquarters in Brooklyn said that Witnesses have long warned against smoking, and that only a tiny percentage of members will be affected by the new ruling.

Development of the new policy setting forth an absolute prohibition came, he said, as an outgrowth of increased discussion of the drug problem. Jehovah's Witnesses were taking a strong position against drugs, and it was decided, he indicated, that it was not consistent to

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The original home on the lot, which is being remodeled into a meeting place for the congregation.



Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on June 10. Left to right: Wesley Graybill, Chie Matoba, John Graybill, M. Tange.

The Koganei Church *John Graybill*

ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1965, a new church was born in Tokyo. For the following eight years, we met for worship in the local music school. Temporarily this was adequate, but as attendance increased, people were baptized, young couples were married, older ones were dying, we felt a pressing need to have larger facilities — one that would serve us on a permanent basis. Yet with land prices in Tokyo being the highest in the world (over US \$100,000 for a small building lot of 50' x 100'), our little group of believers felt almost hopeless. Yet we believed the promise "with God, nothing is impossible."

In 1972 things began "opening up" and with the cooperation of the Mennonites, the United Zion, the United Christians, the Brethren in Christ and other sister churches, we were able to purchase a small lot (46' x 96') in an excellent location for the "reasonable" price of \$93,333. When the final payment was made for the land on March 30, we had a loan of \$25,000 to pay back — but we also had \$6.65 in the bank to begin the construction of our new church building. Praise the Lord!

In the goodness of the Lord, the plot of land has two buildings already on it. The one in the rear is a university student dorm housing 15 young men. This will give us good income each year to help pay off our debt, plus providing our young church an excellent opportunity for active evangelism right next door. The building in the front

had been a residence. We are now remodeling it into a chapel to accommodate 125 people, plus adequate facilities on the second floor for a national pastor.

Since building costs have more than doubled in the past three years, we were again puzzled how we could afford just to remodel the present building. But as a church we decided:

- * not to make a contract with a professional builder but do the work ourselves as a church family working together.
- * to accept the gift of an old house from the US army in Tokyo. In February seven of us worked each day tearing down the house and hauling the pieces across the city to our building site. This used lumber furnished most of the floor joists, studding, roofing, sheathing and flooring, thus saving us thousands of dollars.
- * as national Christians to give far beyond the tithe, and sacrifice most of the summer's bonus and gift money. From June 15 to July 10, more than \$6,000 was given by the church.

June 10 was the big ground-breaking ceremony, with all 50 members of the church taking part in lifting a shovel of ground. The first four spades of soil were removed by appointed representatives. John Graybill represented the

Church elder Mr. Seno and John Graybill place the corner stone. The Japanese writing means "God is Love."



The building as of August 15.





"Beginning at the bottom" in remodeling.

whole church, C. Matoba representing the church board, M. Tange representing the building committee, and Wesley Graybill (John's father) representing the churches in America. Construction began June 11 and progressed daily.

So far the biggest thrill came on July 25, when we met for the first time in our unfinished church, having special guests from the States: Dr. Kenneth Hoover, chairman of the Board for Missions, and Earl Musser, Director of Overseas Missions. Dr. Hoover preached the first sermon in the building, with appropriate remarks from Brother Musser. At the conclusion of the service, Mr. M. Tange, assistant chairman of the building committee read a thank you note to the two visiting brethren.

Greetings of thankfulness for the Brethren in Christ Mission Board.

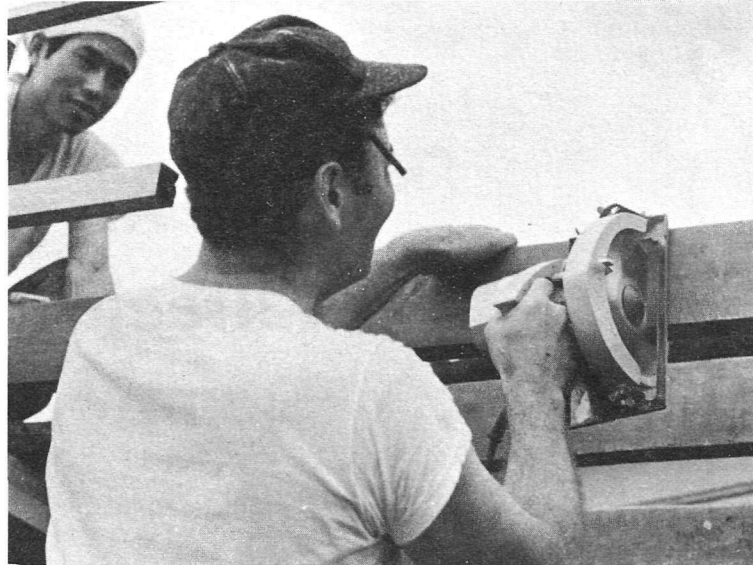
On behalf of the church building committee, I would like to say thanks to you representatives of the Brethren in Christ Mission Board in the U.S.A.

First of all, I praise the Name of our Lord and thank His grace shown to us. We are much thankful that we may receive Brother Hoover for the first time, and again Brother Musser, and have a fellowship with you this evening.

Look around, Brother Hoover and Brother Musser. It is really the new church as you see which our God is giving us. Look at the brothers and sisters sitting in front of you. They look full of thankfulness and rejoice, don't they?

There had been much difficulty, as you know, until the church found land and the project was begun. Under the

The first meeting of the congregation in the unfinished building on July 25, during the Hoover/Musser visit to Japan.



Cutting off the rafters. The man on the roof is Mr. Hashimoto, a third-year seminary student. It is planned that he will become the pastor of the Koganei church.

economical and other conditions now-a-days in Tokyo, this kind of project can be only a hopeless dream. But the Lord has realized it by His mighty power. How wonderful our God is!

We are much thankful that our dear brothers and sisters in the U.S.A. have helped us much by their prayers and gifts toward this project. We know well that their help does not come from anything else than from sacrifice.

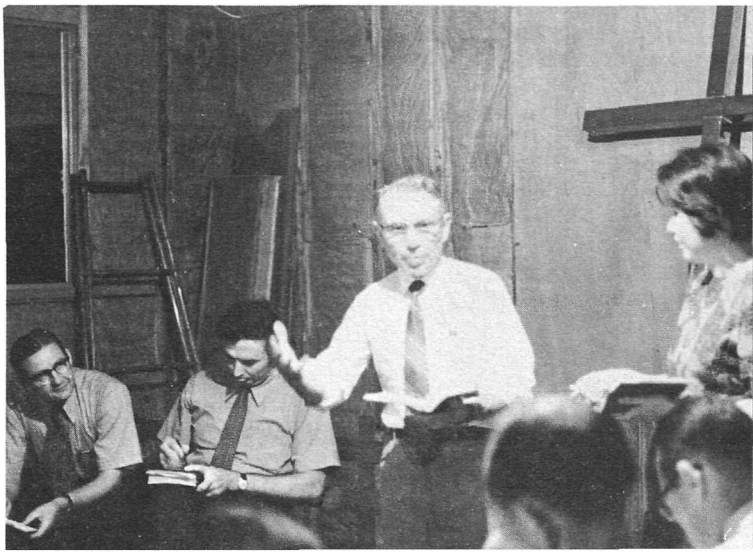
Look around, Brother Hoover and Brother Musser, the church is not completed yet. Wind and insects easily come through the building and only one or two lights are now supplied. It may look like an ancient church building. Our church is now being built, however, not by a professional contractor, but by the brothers and sisters ourselves. The Lord has given us a splendid builder, Rev. John Graybill and his son Ed, and furthermore, has sent us his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Graybill from far away Pennsylvania to help us in this work.

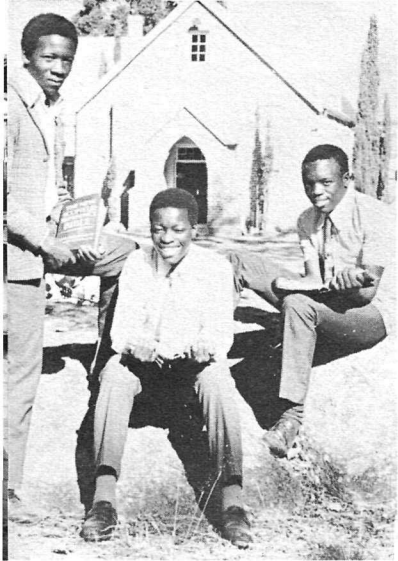
The boss, John, has many helpers who work hard and long hours with him everyday. The sisters of the church take turns bring lunch and oyatsu [3:00 p.m. refreshments] everyday to keep our workmen well and strong.

Will you please tell the brethren and sisters in the U.S.A. our deep thanks and how the church building project is progressing.

Thank you, Brother Hoover; thank you, Brother Musser. May God bless you and every brother and sister in the Lord in the U.S.A.

Dr. Kenneth Hoover, chairman of the Board for Missions, brings the first sermon. The interpreter is Mrs. Horiuchi, a church member.





Left to right: Gilbert Mabasa (author of article), Rodwell Dlodlo, and Adroit Moyo. (Photo by Robert Mann)

B.M.A. Miracle Camp

*Gilbert G. Mabasa
Student, Matopo Secondary*

THERE WAS much excitement and pleasure when about thirty B.M.A. (Bible Memory Association) members met for the B.M.A. Miracle Camp on the 20th April at Matopo Secondary School. Out of six members from Matopo, only four of us succeeded in attending this camp. The camp director was Mr. I. G. Dakwa and his deputy was Mr. E. Ngundu.

We each recited three assignments (about thirty-six verses in all) before being enrolled for the camp. This was very easy as all of us had been prepared for it.

We learned to praise the Lord in spite of everything, whether in sorrow or in joy. Some favorite verses were Psalm 150; Phil. 4:4; I Thess. 5:16-20; Eph. 5:18-20; Gal. 5:16-25. We praised the Lord even when some of the campers had flu!

The camp speaker was Mr. Hinds from South Africa. His sermons (twice a day) were spiritually nourishing. Praise the Lord, three people accepted Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour during one of Brother Hind's sermons. He told us many important things. For example, "The New Testament is concealed in the Old Testament and the Old Testament is revealed in the New Testament." "We must not desire only the BEST God has for us, but must desire ALL God has for us." "One cannot confess the other person's sins." We also had pleasant sundown services, quiet times and morning watches.

On the 3rd May we visited the World's View in the Matopos and satisfied our visual senses. Mr. E. Ngundu even remarked, "If nature is so beautiful, what more of the promised heaven!" No wonder the place is called the World's View. It is really a view, and a good one.

We also had group competitions in sports, singing, and smartness at our sleeping quarters. Awards were given to winners.

Six Scofield Reference Bibles were presented to the best six people to recite their entire B.M.A. books (about 150 verses in the case of Book 1 — *Basis for the Christian Life*). It is wonderful that three of these winners were from Matopo, one from Sinoia and the other from Mtshabezi. Praise the Lord, I am one of the six and am making good use of my Scofield Reference Bible.

The camp ended on the 5th May in the afternoon. We all happily parted to our respective homes and places of work. Praise the Lord for the good Miracle Camp.

MISSION MEMOS

Rosalyn Tarnavsky flew out of the Tokyo airport on August 19, having completed a ten-month Voluntary Service stay with the **John Graybills**.

Allen and Leoda Buckwalter plan to arrive in Harrisburg on September 13, on furlough from their responsibilities with Far East Broadcasting Associates, New Delhi, India.

Velma Brillinger plans to arrive in Toronto on September 16, on furlough from Choma, Zambia. She will be coming home with **Mary Lou Ruegg** (New York Bible Society) and **Carolyn Rotz** (Elizabethtown missions office) who are returning from visiting friends and relatives in Africa.

Clarence and Helen Musser, completing Voluntary Service terms as financial secretary in Bulawayo, Rhodesia, are holidaying near the India Ocean. They will then visit their son **Robert** and family, who are serving in medical missions in Tanzania.

Brenda Graybill, daughter of **John and Lucille Graybill** (Tokyo) is in the United States, and plans to attend Messiah College this year.

August was a busy month for **Wilmer and Velma Heisey**, executive secretary of the mission board. On August 8, son **Paul** returned home from a three-year TAP (Teachers Abroad Program) assignment in Nigeria. Daughter **Nancy** left August 24 for language study at Grenoble, France, and a TAP assignment in Zaire. Then, on August 30, they welcomed home Wilmer's sister and family, **George and Ethel Bundy**, who are on furlough from Rhodesia.

Dr. Kenneth B. Hoover, chairman of the Board for Missions, was scheduled to arrive home in Grantham on September 7. He had been visiting the overseas missions of the church and attended the 75th Anniversary celebration of Africa missions in the company of **Earl Musser**, director of overseas missions (who will remain in Africa until early October).

BOARD FOR MISSIONS

General Fund Statement

Quarter Ended June 30, 1973

Canadian Balance, April 1, 1973	\$	(334.58)
USA Balance, April 1, 1973		(19,313.74)
Canadian Receipts		5,960.65
USA Receipts		82,411.50
Transfer of Funds		15,000.00
Total Receipts and Balance		\$83,723.83

Disbursements	USA	Canada
Administrative	\$12,188.32	\$ 797.92
Personnel	15,020.98	1,570.19
Information Services	1,744.72	179.50
Rhodesia	5,547.28	292.50
Zambia	9,973.90	
India	7,880.00	120.00
New Delhi	810.00	
Delhi	1,190.00	
Japan	6,270.00	
Nicaragua	3,030.00	1,500.00
Navajo Mission	1,410.00	
San Francisco	300.00	
Bronx (Fellowship Chapel)	750.00	
Mont. Lake Child. Home		750.00
Salem (Labish)	85.25	
Mission Churches	6,196.35	120.00
Extension Churches	11,740.00	1,812.48
Christian Service Ministries	6,751.55	1,000.00
	\$90,888.35	\$8,142.59
		\$99,030.94

BALANCE ON HAND, June 30, 1973 (Deficit) (\$15,307.11)

Analysis of Balance

USA	(12,790.59)
Canada	(2,516.52)
	(\$15,307.11)

Canadian Conference Turns Western

Martha Andersen

THE CALL of the west came through strong and clear. Once again the easterners responded. They came, not to take up homesteads as they did just after the turn of the century, but for a pioneering venture of another nature. This was the first time in the history of the Brethren in Christ Church in Canada that the national conference was held in the west.

The 82nd Canadian conference established another first, in that it was the best attended. Eighty-eight of the 200 visitors present were official delegates. Only one Canadian pastor was unable to attend. Guests were billeted by members of the Saskatchewan congregations.

The conference, hosted by the Massey Place Church in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan was launched on Friday evening, July 6, in an historical setting

depicting the development of the Brethren in Christ in Saskatchewan in pictures, poems, and reminiscences. Fellowship continued over lunch, during which the guests were introduced to the wild berries that gave the city its name — Saskatoon. The booklet, "The Brethren in Christ Church in Saskatchewan" by E. Morris Sider, was distributed to all guests.

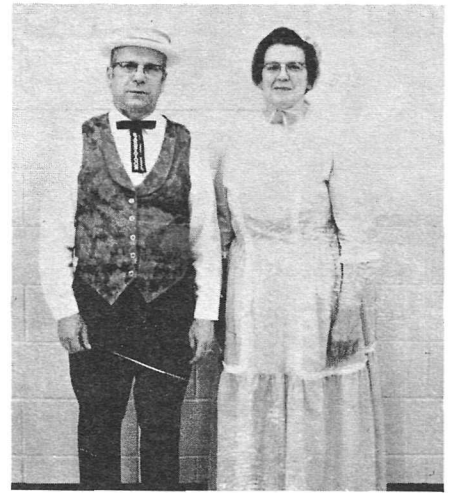
Business sessions occupied the entire day on Saturday. The revision of the church budget was one of the main subjects for discussion.

Bishop Sider voiced the need for more pastors. Although Brethren in Christ witness in Canada is confined to Ontario and Saskatchewan, the bishop did not encourage pioneering in other provinces. "At the present it would be well for us to dissimilate the gospel in the provinces where we are located," Mr. Sider said. "We need a movement of laymen and ministers who will move into areas to open new congregations."

"Canada still has untold millions still untold. Our churches are surrounded by people who have never heard. The altars of our churches should be dedicated and open for the heavy-laden to unburden to Christ." This was the gist of the message on "Evangelism Implosion," by the Rev. Robert Rolston. "Before we can have evangelism explosion," the Skerkston, Ontario, pastor stressed, "we need to have a personal evangelism implosion."

On the Lord's Day the guests dispersed to participate in the Sunday

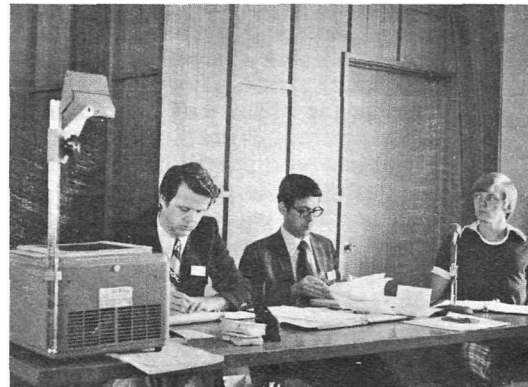
Bishop Sider installs the Rev. Douglas Sider as pastor of the Massey Place Congregation at the Sunday morning service.



John Garman, pictured with wife Ruth in western costume, chaired the Friday night meeting.

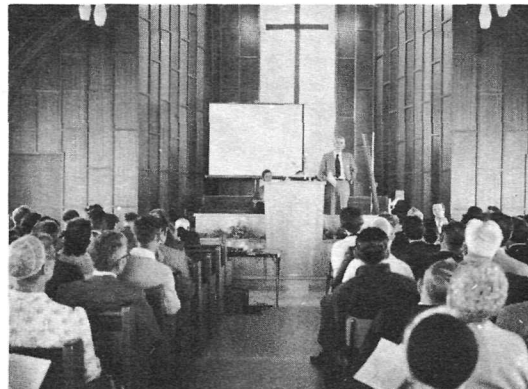
school and worship services of the five Saskatchewan congregations and to visit the Montreal Lake Children's Home.

The western conference provided a wonderful opportunity for the east and west factors of the Brethren in Christ to become more knowledgeable of each other and to strengthen the feeling of oneness in their witness for Jesus Christ.



The clerical staff, consisting of (left to right) Lloyd Hogg, conference secretary; Leonard Chester, assistant secretary; and Herb Anderson, reading clerk, aided the moderator with the business of the conference.

A partial view of the conference body and the church chancel.



Four of the singers from the Montreal Lake Children's Home with their director, Verna Heise.

Some of the ladies dressed for the Friday evening historical program.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Primaries Are Important People

Mary Fretz

(PHOTOGRAPHS BY LESTER FRETZ)

THE MOANS and groans that came from thirty-five primary children as their superintendent announced, "There will be no primary church today," is an excellent indication of the enthusiasm these four to nine year olds feel for their church program.

Five years ago Wainfleet Sunday School Board felt the need for Primary as well as Junior church. Sunday School and church were organized as two separate units, with each unit having two adult leaders and separate programs. After operating in this manner for several years, in evaluating our program someone suggested, "Why not integrate the two programs. Why do we need two sets of adult leaders, two openings, two special features? Could we not save on leaders, as well as valuable pupil time by joining the two hour block of time into one unit?"

The suggestion seemed to have many advantages, mostly positive. Now the teachers had a one hour block of time with their children. They felt they still only needed the usual thirty-five minutes for the Bible lesson and handwork, so we came to the necessity of examining our use of time and the effectiveness of our present program.

Illustrated songs are always favorites with primary children and holding the book a special treat.



Providing Christian reading material is a vital part of a church program.

We had then to look at our aims, what really were we trying to do with our children?

Our first aim was to support and aid the home in Christian nurture and education, with the ultimate goal being the personal salvation of each child. Since our congregation has a vital evangelistic outreach, and receives many community families, we felt our second aim was to provide complete care for our church children, for the two hours on Sunday morning. Parents, especially new converts need to be able to grow and be nurtured during the adult service. Now that we knew our goals, it only remained to try to develop a program to reach these goals.

We began with the hour block of time that had previously been Sunday School. This block of class time was too long to hold the attention of young children with our present program. Since the lesson and handwork needed thirty-five minutes, we had twenty-five left. We called this time pre-session, and decided it should be informal and enjoyable, as well as add to the general effectiveness of the more formal class time. We wanted it to be a time of conversation with the teacher and children sharing events of the past week. Little hands need to be actively employed, so it was suggested that handwork or crafts, be done during this time as well. This sounded good, but some teachers felt at a loss for ideas that were inexpensive and yet worthwhile. During the first year we often provided craft ideas or models, however after several years the teachers are largely self-sufficient.

The superintendents now have evolved into a supportive roll. The teachers are encouraged to spend several dollars every two or three months to add new materials to their rooms. Play Dough, puzzles, gummed paper, glue, scissors, crayons, felt pens, construction paper are necessary parts of each classroom. Good supplies of masking tape, staples, thumb tacks, pins, paper fasteners must be ready for joint department use. The kindergarten classroom is provided with materials and toys similar to a school classroom, a rugged area as well as a table and chairs for work and play are helpful. Adequate storage for materials must be available for an active program. A shared picture collection of several hundred religious and secular pictures are available to aid teachers in keeping their classrooms alive and attractive. Curtains, bright plastic tablecloths, pieces of rug add a warm look to painted walls and cement floors.

A very popular feature is the large birthday train that covers one entire wall of the department auditorium. Each car on the train represents a month of the year, and every child's birthday is written on the proper month. A decorated box holds unwrapped gifts suitable for boys and

girls. The children enjoy selecting what is most appealing to them. Too expensive, — no these gifts cost fifty cents or less. Favorite items for boys are small cars, trucks, balls, marbles; girls choose hair barrettes, coloring books and crayons, paper dolls or note paper. Everyone sings "Happy Birthday" and the child is given a card that reads "From all your friends at Sunday School." This special recognition pleases parents as well as children.

A primary library is a vital part of a primary department. If you are saying "we have no money or space for a library," we really didn't either, when we started. Our library started with only seventy-five dollars and a few shelves at the back of the room. Paper backs covered with clear plastic, are good for a beginning. Eight years later we have a proper library, and a trained school librarian, but the beginning was very small. Since we wanted to encourage the use of the library, we decided that part of the pre-session time should be used to select books. Careful supervision of the children so that they would not be noisy and disturb the adult opening was necessary at first. Now that routines are well established, the children go to the library alone, and are helped by the librarian in selection of their books.

The children love this pre-session time and keep coming earlier. They know their teacher will be there to talk with them, and have something fun to do. This means that the teachers must be there by a quarter, or ten minutes to ten. We are fortunate in having devoted teachers who feel their work is important, and know they are part of a team that fills a vital need in Christian Education.

At eleven o'clock the classes dismiss and the children come out to the department auditorium for church. The formal opening begins with the singing of hymns and choruses, large illustrated song books are always favorites. Lively songs are gradually replaced with worshipful numbers that lead into prayer time. The children share their own prayer requests and concerns, usually six or eight volunteer to come forward and lead in sentence prayers. Their faith has been strengthened as we have witnessed answers to their simple prayers.

Snack time follows prayer time, and this is always very popular. Sometimes it is a cookie, frequently popcorn or chips served in styrofoam cups that are stacked and



Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Louise McCombs, talks with her children during pre-session period.

reused. The children really look forward to the snack and often ask, "What are we having today?"

A half hour block of time is then used for a Bible lesson and memorization of Scripture. Illustrated stories or flannel board materials are a must to hold the attention of young children. Child Evangelism, Gospel Light, and Scripture Press materials are our usual choices. A practical application to a young child's daily life is always made. The period finishes with the entire group working together to memorize a passage of Scripture or the books of the Bible.

Is this program a lot of work? It surely is! It requires more than a hasty Saturday night preparation, but anything that is worthwhile takes effort. Can any church integrate their entire Sunday morning children's program? Yes, any church can that really believe their children are important enough to deserve a vital, exciting program of Christian education, and want to make good use of two hours on Sunday morning. Remember good things do not just happen. They require planning, hard work, and the real guidance of the Lord. Try it, this can work for your church too!

RELIGIOUS NEWS

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require members to give up other drugs but allow them to keep using nicotine.

Search for Ark Stymied

The most favorable weather in years is apparently going to waste as John Morris' second Ark expedition cools its heels in Turkey.

For several weeks now, Morris and team mates have been trying vainly to have their mountain climbing permit reinstated by the Turkish government.

Morris, a San Diego field scientist for the Institute for Creation Research, and leader of the expedition, left for Turkey two weeks ahead of the main body of his team and obtained a permit to climb Mount Ararat in search of Noah's Ark.

As the main body of the team reached New York en route to Turkey, they were turned back by news that the permit had been revoked because a Texas team had climbed the mountain illegally. Several

members of the team were so determined, however, that they flew to Turkey a week later to help Morris. To date there is no progress toward getting a new permit.

The summer of 1973 is one such as occurs only about once in every 10 years — very warm, with glaciers melting more than usual. It would be an ideal year to search for the Ark, which may possibly be protruding from the ice which reportedly holds it captive.

Humanist Manifesto Offers A "Survival" Philosophy

One hundred and twenty international humanist leaders have signed a document claiming that traditional religions that "place revelation, God, ritual or creed above human needs and experiences do a disservice to the human species."

The "Humanist Manifesto II," an effort to update a 1933 statement, says that people alone must solve the problems that threaten survival.

"As in 1933, humanists still believe that traditional theism, especially faith in the

prayer-hearing God, assumed to love and care for persons, to hear and understand their prayers and to be able to do something about them, is an unproved and outmoded faith," the manifesto states.

The "Humanist Manifesto I," whose supporters included the late philosopher John Dewey, set forth modern humanist ideology in general terms. The new document, drafted by Dr. Paul Kurtz, a professor in Buffalo, N. Y. and editor of *The Humanist* magazine, makes specific applications of humanist thought to contemporary social and economic question.

It affirms the right to birth control, abortion, sexual freedom, divorce, euthanasia and privacy. The manifesto backs participatory democracy, universal education and a guaranteed annual income. War and nationalism are called "obsolete." Worldwide ecological planning is urged. Racial and ethnic "separations which set people and groups against each other" are rejected, as is "sexual chauvinism," either male or female.

CHURCH NEWS

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brethren during the morning worship hour on Sunday, August 5. The men were Lyle Roach and Cleveland W. Ammons. Rev. Marvin Keller is the pastor.

The **Mechanicsburg congregation** held an evening installation service and tea for their new pastor, Rev. Ralph Palmer on August 19. A food shower for the Palmers was held at this time. Bishop Ginder installed Rev. Palmer.

The **Morning Hour congregation** held a baptismal service for nine persons on Sunday, August 19. The pastor is Rev. Roy J. Musser.

Atlantic

The **Conoy congregation** received eight persons into church fellowship on Sunday, July 15. Seven were baptized in the David Heisey pool. Rev. Allon Dourte is the pastor.

The **Shenks Union congregation** held a covered dish dinner for pastor, Rev. Arthur Brubaker on Sunday, August 19. Rev. Brubaker, who is retiring because of ill health, gave his farewell sermon at that time.

Rev. Orvin White brought his farewell sermon at the Valley View Church on Sunday morning, July 22. Rev. White began work on developing a new congregation at Dublin, Va. Rev. Rupert Turman was installed at Valley View on July 29.

Canadian

The merged congregations of **Frogmore, Houghton Centre and Walsingham** held their initial service on Sunday, June 29 with over one hundred present. A bus ministry has begun with Eldon Byer as "bus captain." Rev. John Sider was installed as pastor on Sunday, July 29.

Central

The "Peaceful Warrior" was presented by the Maranatha Productions, Inc. of Ephrata, Pa., at the **Christian Union church** on Saturday, August 11. Guest speaker on Sunday evening, August 12, was Rev. Earl Brechbill, Greencastle, Pa. The pastor at Christian Union is Rev. Melvin Boose.

On Sunday, August 12, the **Fairview congregation** held a carry-in dinner in honor of their pastor, Rev. Ralph Palmer's leaving. A gift was presented to the Palmers in appreciation of their nine years of ministry to Fairview.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry P. Heisey, Louisville, Ohio, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 10, 1973. The Heiseys were guests of honor at a dinner given by their children at the Walker's Country Style Restaurant and at an open house at their farm home, attended by over 200 friends and relatives. Their four children, Ruth (Mrs. J. Eugene Blacketter) of Leedey, Okla., Orville of



Newville, Pa., Ray of Kent, Ohio, and Marion of Bloomfield, N. M., along with their 16 grandchildren were all present for the occasion. Included among the guests were Bishop and Mrs. David Climenhaga, and Rev. and Mrs. John N. Hostetter, and Rev. and Mrs. Carl J. Ulery, former bishops of the Central Conference. Also present were Rev. and Mrs. Ohmer Herr the only friends who were present both at the wedding and the anniversary.

Rev. and Mrs. Heisey served 14 years at Gladwin, Mich., 15 years at Valley Chapel (Canton), Ohio, 10 years as bishop of the Northern Ohio District, and 12 years as pastor and assistant pastor at Uniontown, Ohio.

Midwest

The Adult II Sunday school class of the **Abilene congregation** presented to the Junior Sunday School Department fifteen illustrated booklets and four visualized hymn books. They were presented in memory of Mrs. Deana Rickman. The pastor is Rev. W. Edward Rickman.

On Sunday, August 5, the **Bethany congregation** held a surprise "This is Your Life" service for pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Henry F. Landis. Family members from Kansas and California were present. Rev. Landis has accepted the pastorate at the Palm Valley Church in Pharr, Texas, after serving nearly ten years as pastor at Bethany.

Pacific

The **Ontario congregation** and First Church of God, Baker Avenue, held a joint singspiration service at the Ontario Church on Sunday evening, August 5. Rev. Aaron Stern is the pastor.

The **Redwood Country congregation** held a missionary and Bible conference the week of July 16 with guest speakers: Dr. Arthur Climenhaga, Rev. Will Bruce, Victor Fedosky, Ted Wilkinson, and others. The pastor at Redwood is Rev. Amos Buckwalter.

Births

Allison: Robert Leroy, II, born July 22 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allison, Fairview congregation, Ohio.

Baer: Gregory Allen, born July 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baer, Hollowell congregation, Pa.

Barlett: Kevin, born August 22 to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barlett, Palmyra congregation, Pa.

Carbaugh: Davelle Sue, born July 21 to Mr. and Mrs. David L. Carbaugh, Montgomery congregation, Pa.

Eyster: Shan Eugene, adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Eyster, Bethany congregation, Okla.

Faver: Dana Lynn, born July 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Farver, Shenks congregation, Pa.

Gloss: Patricia Ann, born July 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gloss, New Guilford congregation, Pa.

Hoover: Kirstyn Colette, born July 31 to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hoover, Grantham congregation, Pa.

Lane: Rodney Paul, II, born July 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Lane, Canoe Creek congregation, Pa.

Livingston: James Allen, born August 9 to Mr. and Mrs. John Livingston, Ridgemount congregation, Canada.

Michalsky: Mark Edward, born July 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Michalsky, Hollowell congregation, Pa.

McMillan: Amy Louise, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave McMillan, Union Grove congregation, Ind.

Musser: Diane Louise, born August 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Z. Musser, Elizabethtown congregation, Pa.

Reichelderfer: Eric Douglas, born to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Reichelderfer, Palmyra congregation, Pa.

Ringenary: John Albert, born August 2 to Mr. and Mrs. George Ringenary, New Guilford congregation, Pa.

Saville: Brenton Scott, born June 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Saville, Shermans Valley, Pa.

Schock: Rosco Dale, born July 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Schock, Jr., Chambersburg congregation, Pa.

Shannon: John Preston James, born July 16 to Mr. and Mrs. Shannon, Green Spring congregation, Pa.

Weddings

Baskett-Deck: Carol Elaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Deck, Thomas, Okla., and Darrell Baskett, Tulsa, Okla., June 9 in the Bethany Church with Dr. Ira M. Eyster, uncle of the bride, and Rev. Henry F. Landis officiating.

Cordell-Burger: Sharon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burger, Waynesboro, Pa., and David, son of Rev. and Mrs. Merle Cordell, Chambersburg, Pa., August 4 in the Hollowell Church with Rev. Merle Cordell officiating.

Crider-Alderfer: Jill Annette, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Owen H. Alderfer,

Ashland, Ohio, and Ken Eugene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Crider, Grantham, Pa., June 23 in the Ashland Church with the bride's father and Rev. Kenneth O. Hoke officiating.

Engle-Graham: Laurie Lynne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham, Jr., Elizabethtown, Pa., and Melvin Roy, son of Mrs. Alice Engle, Marietta, Pa., with Rev. Earl E. Herr officiating.

Erbig-Brubaker: Marilyn Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Brubaker, and Robert P. Erbig, III, August 18 in the Souderton Church.

Fluke-Bingenheimer: Betty Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bingenheimer, New Enterprise, Pa., and David Duane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Fluke, Hopewell, Pa., July 21 in the New Enterprise Church of the Brethren with Rev. Earl Lehman officiating.

Garcia-Mann: Sue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Mann, Grantham, Pa., and Saustino Garcia, July 28 in the Grantham Chapel.

Gonsman-Hall: Judith Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Hall, Hopewell, Pa., and Fred L., son of Mrs. Rachel Gonsman, June 23 in the Hopewell Grace Brethren Church with Rev. Earl J. Lehman officiating.

Horst-Shank: Patricia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Shank, Chambersburg, Pa., and Gary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Horst, Sr., Greencastle, Pa., July 27 in the Hollowell Church with Rev. Marlin Ressler and Rev. Kenneth Engle officiating.

Keller-Stern: Connie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stern, and Ronald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keller, Sr., both of Martinsburg, Pa., July 26 in the Martinsburg Church with the groom's father officiating.

Martin-Blankenship: Marilyn, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Blankenship, Los Angeles, Calif., and Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Martin, Sr., Clayton, Ohio, August 10 in the Fairview Church with Rev. Warren Hoffman officiating.

Poe-Rodriguez: Emma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rodriguez, Bronx, N. Y., and Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Poe, Chambersburg, Pa., June 24.

Rosentrater-Painter: Brenda Painter and Ray, son of Mrs. Betty Rosentrater, Nappanee, Ind., August 12 at Kenbrook Bible Camp with Rev. Earl E. Herr officiating.

Obituaries

Groff: Lucille Frances Hale Groff, born Feb. 19, 1910, died April 17, 1973. She was married to Edward H. Groff who preceded her in death. She is survived by one son, Lowell Edward; one daughter, Mrs. Raymond (Gloria) Britch; one brother; and one granddaughter. She was a member of the Ashland Brethren in Christ Church. The funeral service was held in the J. H. Finefrock and Sons Funeral Home with

Stephen W. Heisey

Heisey: Rev. Stephen W. Heisey, 78, Centre Hall, Pa., died July 6, 1973 in the Lewistown Hospital. He was the son of Aaron H. and Fanny Wolgemuth Heisey. His first wife, Barbara H. Forry Heisey, preceded him in death in 1949. He was also married to Katie Hess who survives. Also surviving are a son, Aaron, and two daughters, Ruth (Fohringer) and Beulah; a stepson, J. Wilmer, and two stepdaughters, Mary and Ethel (Bundy); 15 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one brother; and one sister. Brother Heisey served as pastor of the Colyer and Green Grove congregations for 30 years and as a supply pastor for local congregations of all denominations until one year prior to his death. Memorial services were held in the Colyer and Mt. Pleasant Churches. Interment was in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

A TRIBUTE

Our brother, the Rev. Stephen W. Heisey, will be remembered as a "pioneer" in many ways. Since his youth he was active in the work of the church. In the Rapho District in Lancaster County he served in various areas of Christian education, vitally interested in youth and the family.

He felt called to the Christian ministry and to pioneer in the Brethren in Christ church ministries in Center County. During his many years of life and livelihood in Center County, he carved out a career as a "tentmaking" minister.



He worked very successfully in the building trade and at the same time gave priority to building the kingdom of God.

He was mentally alert and spiritually perceptive. He knew a good book when he read it and shared many books with many of his friends.

His family and the combined family in the marriage of Mrs. Katie Heisey, are certainly a family known in missions and the ministries of the church. Two daughters on the mission field; a son as Executive Director of missions; another son active as deacon; and two daughters who served uniquely, both locally and overseas.

We extend sympathy to Sister Heisey, the family, and the many friends, and especially share a prayer concern for the portion of the family which is now overseas.

Henry A. Ginder

Bishop of the Allegheny Conference and for the Board of Bishops

Rev. Kenneth O. Hoke officiating. Interment was in the Pavonia Cemetery.

Kline: Margaret Ginder Frey Kline, born Feb. 23, 1906, in Lancaster Co., Pa., died June 30, 1973. On June 15, 1933, she married Howard B. Kline who survives. Also surviving are three sons and five daughters. Twin sons preceded her in death. She accepted Christ at eleven years of age. She was a member of the Montoursville Brethren in Christ Church where she taught Sunday school class most of her life.

Strickler: Mary Schock Strickler, born May 26, 1889, in Lancaster Co., Pa., died August 4, 1973, in the Lancaster General Hospital. She was married to Jacob D. Strickler who preceded her in death in 1965. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. John H. Brubaker; two foster children; several brothers and sisters; and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Maytown Brethren in Christ Church. The funeral was held in the Cross Roads Church with Rev. Leroy Yoder and Rev. Earl Herr officiating. Interment was in the Cross Roads Cemetery.

Winger: Esther Winger, born Jan. 4, 1886, died August 4, 1973, in the South Waterloo Memorial Hospital, Galt, Ontario. She was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters. She was a member of the Bertie Brethren in Christ

Church. The funeral service was held in the Bertie Church with Rev. William Charlton officiating. Interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

Winger: John William Winger, born March 24, 1912, died April 30, 1973. He was married to Mary Kohler who survives. Also surviving are three sons: Dr. Roger Kohler, John William, Jr., and D. Charles; three daughters: Mrs. Burton (Louise) Kelley, Mrs. James (Martha) Eubanks, and Mary; eight grandchildren; six sisters; and one brother. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister. The funeral service was held in the Ashland Brethren in Christ Church with Rev. Kenneth Larkin and Rev. Kenneth O. Hoke officiating. Interment was in the Chestnut Grove Cemetery.

Wolgemuth: Mrs. Katie G. Wolgemuth, born Dec. 19, 1891 in Franklin Co., Pa., died July 26, 1973 at her home near Manheim. She was the daughter of Christian O. and Barbara T. Ginder Lehman. She was married to Irvin S. Wolgemuth who preceded her in death. She is survived by two sons: Melvin L., Paul L.; one daughter: Naomi; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one brother. She was a member of the Mastersonville Brethren in Christ Church. The funeral service was held in Mastersonville with Rev. Jesse Dourte and Rev. Fred Frey officiating. Interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

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